



Nevada Operations Office News

News Media Contact:

Derek Scammell, 702-295-3521

ScammellD@nv.doe.gov

Craig Phillippe, 801-514-4063

C4.su@fbi.gov

Bill Craig, 801-536-4250

bcraig@deq.state.ut.us

For Immediate Release:

October 2, 2001

Department of Energy Helicopter to Fly Aerial Radiological Survey over Salt Lake Winter Olympic Game Venues

A U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) helicopter will fly an aerial radiological survey over several 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympic Games sites, October 9 - 20 (weather permitting).

Bechtel Nevada will conduct the survey during daylight hours. A gray and blue Bell 412 helicopter from NNSA's Remote Sensing Laboratory -- Nellis Air Force Base will fly at low altitudes, about 150 to 300 feet above the ground, to survey the levels of natural and man-made radiation and to record the gamma radiation profile in the areas of Salt Lake City, West Valley City, Ogden, Provo, Park City and Herber City, Utah. See Venue location map at:

www.saltlake2002.com.

In addition, a two-man team will take ground exposure readings in conjunction with the aerial survey.

The National Nuclear Security Administration is conducting the survey at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Utah Olympic Public Safety Command.

The flights will be coordinated with the Federal Aviation Administration and other appropriate agencies.

The National Nuclear Security Administration routinely conducts these surveys over towns and facilities across the United States as part of its on-going research and environmental monitoring program. During the past 32 years, NNSA has conducted more than 500 surveys.